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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT		
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	First Named Inventor	Lukyanov et al.
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	Title	<i>Novel Chromophores/Fluorophores and Methods for Using the Same</i>

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above captioned application, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

22. (Amended) An expression cassette comprising:

- (a) a transcriptional initiation region functional in an expression host;
- (b) a nucleic acid selected from the group consisting of the nucleic acids according to Claim 1; and
- (c) a transcriptional termination region functional in said expression host.

Cancel Claims 24 and 25.

26. (Amended) A transgenic cell or the progeny thereof comprising a transgene selected from the group consisting of a nucleic acids according to Claim 1.

27. (Amended) A transgenic organism capable comprising a transgene selected from the group consisting of a nucleic acids according to Claim 1.

Cancel Claim 28.